

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 5, 6, and 10 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

The Office Action indicated an objection to the drawings. The drawings have been corrected and attached at the end of this amendment and labeled as “Replacement Sheets.” Fig. 12 was renamed to Fig. 12A and Fig. 13 was renamed to Fig. 12B. Accordingly, the other drawings which were affected are also renumbered. That is, Fig. 14 was renamed to Fig. 13 and Fig. 15 was renamed to Fig. 14. Furthermore, Fig. 15, now identified as Fig. 14 herein, was amended to include the caption “RELATED ART.” Applicant has made such changes and therefore respectfully requests that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

The Office Action objected to the disclosure due to an informality. Applicants have amended the specification to include a description for Fig. 6c and therefore respectfully request the objection to the disclosure be withdrawn.

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,643,655 to Oashi et al.

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites, *inter alia*:

“...wherein said desired data includes data without any links.”

Applicant submits that the portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,643,655 to Oashi apparently relied on by the examiner in the Office Action (hereinafter, merely "Oashi") do not disclose the above-identified features of claim 1. Therefore, independent claim 1 is believed to be distinguishable from Oashi.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claims 5, 6, and 10 are also believed to be distinguishable from Oashi.

Claims 2-4, 7-9, and 11-15 depend from one of the claims 1, 5, 6, or 11 and, due to such dependency, are believed to be distinguishable from Oashi for at least the reasons previously described.

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate the portion or portions in the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed and which is not paid herewith, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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